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Mr. William J. Casey
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Dear Mr. Casey

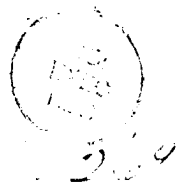
Thank you very much for your letter concerning Mr. [redacted] visit to our installations. I'm glad the trip proved so useful to his group and to your agency.

I have passed along your appreciation to all the people involved with this visit. We are glad we helped, and stand ready to assist any time we can be of service.

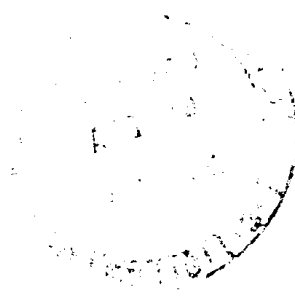
Sincerely

LARRY D. WELCH
General, USAF
Commander in Chief
Strategic Air Command

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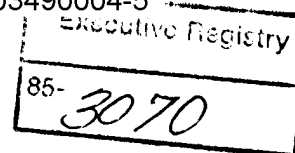


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General Larry D. Welch USAF
Commander in Chief
Strategic Air Command
Offutt Air Force Base
Omaha, Nebraska 68005

Dear General Welch:

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On 15 and 16 July, [redacted] Chief of our Strategic Issues Group, visited Minot AFB with a group of his Soviet affairs analysts to improve their understanding of SAC operations. [redacted] informs me that his group received first class treatment and found their visit to be extremely useful and informative. This is not the first group of ours to return from a SAC visit and report the high level of professionalism, dedication, and enthusiasm that exists among the officers and airmen of your command.

I wish to express my appreciation for the key roles played by Colonel Christopher Branch and Colonel Robert Marquette, Jr. and their staffs-- particularly Captain Leslie MacRae, the trip's action officer--in making the visit a success. I would also like to commend Colonel John Politi, who hosted the group at Grand Forks AFB, and Colonel Thomas Patterson, Lieutenant Colonel William Wakerly, Lieutenant Colonel Gary Emmons, Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Fett, and Captain Robin Williams, who gave unselfishly of their time in answering the analysts' many questions.

At Minot, the group's itinerary included a tour of a Minuteman missile procedures trainer and launch control facility, a B-52, a KC-135, the Post Attack Command and Control System (EC-135) Airborne Launch Control System, and a weapon storage and maintenance area. The group also visited the Perimeter Acquisition Radar site at Cavalier Air Force Station. At Grand Forks, an extended discussion proved very useful to the group.

Visits of Agency analysts to SAC bases are of inestimable value in our studies of Soviet strategic capabilities. The information shared by SAC personnel provides CIA analysts with an authoritative perspective of strategic military operations unobtainable through any other means. I



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commend the officers and airmen of the Strategic Air Command for their fine support to [] and his analysts, and I look forward to continued cooperation between CIA and SAC.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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